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1. AS POINTED OUT IN REFTTEL, U.S. SUBMISSION OF DRAFT PROGRAM FOR SINGLE YEAR 1975 IS ONE OF TWO ISSUES TROUBLING ROMANIANS AFTER INITIAL COMPARISON OF US-ROMANIAN DRAFTS. IN ROMANIAN VIEW, ONE IN WHICH EMBASSY CAN SEE CERTAIN VALIDITY, ANNUAL PROGRAM REVIEWS ARE NOT ONLY UNNECESSARILY TIME-CONSUMING BUT, MORE IMPORTANTLY IN ROMANIA, DO NOT PROVIDE THE REQUIRED BUDGETARY COMMITMENTS TO INSURE CONTINUITY. DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER GLIGA, IN ASKING THAT WE RECONSIDER OUR POSITION ON THE ONE-YEAR PROGRAM, DID INDICATE THAT IF US SIDE FELT IT IMPORTANT TO HAVE ONLY THE SINGLE YEAR CONCEPT, ROMANIANS MIGHT BE WILLING TO CONSIDER THIS VARIATION IF IT WERE UNDERSTOOD BY BOTH PARTIES THAT, BARRING MAJOR DIFFICULTIES, PROGRAM WOULD BE ESSENTIALLY

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REPEATED FOR SECOND YEAR. UNDER THIS CONCEPT, WE SUGGEST

AGREEMENT COULD CARRY VARIATION OF FOLLOWING LANGUAGE:
BEGIN: THE PARTIES AGREE TO REVIEW THE PROGRAM OF EXCHANGES
FOR 1975 AT THE END OF THE CALENDAR YEAR WITH THE VIEW TO REPEATING I
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IN 1976. END QUOTE. FYI: ROMANIAN SOLUTION TO THE ARITHMETIC
PROBLEM POSED BY THE TWO-YEAR PROGRAM IS TO REPEAT FINAL TWO-
YEAR PROGRAM FOR ADDITIONAL SINGLE YEAR. END FYI. APPRECIATE
DEPARTMENT ADVISE IF LANGUAGE ALONG LINES OF WHAT IS SUGGESTED
HERE IS ACCEPTABLE TO MEET U.S. REQUIREMENTS AND ROMANIAN DESIRE
FOR TWO-YEAR PROGRAM.

2. IN ADDITION, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE
TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

A) EMBASSY RECOMMENDS UMBRELLA AGREEMENT INCLUDE
SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO LIBRARY AGREEMENT SUCH AS WAS PROPOSED BY
ROMANIANS AS THEIR ARTICLE 5 IN GOR DRAFT (BUCHAREST 4802),
WHICH WAS NOT INCLUDED IN U.S. DRAFT. MAY WE INCLUDE THIS
PROVISION IN FINAL DOCUMENT?

B) WHAT IS PRESENT LENGTH OF INTERNATIONAL WRITING
PROGRAM AT UNIVERSITY OF IOWA AND OUTLOOK FOR 1975 PROGRAM?

C) DOES DEPARTMENT HAVE ANY OBJECTIONS TO REWORDING
SECTION 9 OF U.S. DRAFT PROGRAM OF EXCHANGES UNDER ARTICLE 1 TO PRO-
VIDE FOR THE RECIPROCAL EXCHANGE OF POLITICAL LEADERS? EMBASSY
WOULD FIND RECIPROCAL PROVISION USEFUL FOR LOCAL PROGRAMMING OF
AMERICAN POLITICAL VISITORS.

D) WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S THINKING ON
NOTION OF RESERVING "FINE ARTS SPECIALIST" PROVISION "FOR
NEGOTIATING PURPOSES". (STATE 240719, PARA 4). EMBASSY PREFERS
INCLUDE THIS ELEMENT IN FINAL PROGRAM OF EXCHANGES.

E) EMBASSY WISHES TO CALL DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION TO
FACT THAT REFERENCE TO AGREEMENT BETWEEN IREX AND ACADEMY OF
SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SCIENCE HERE SHOULD BE INCLUDED AS ITEM
G UNDER ARTICLE IV OF U.S. DRAFT FIVE-YEAR AGREEMENT.
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